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SYSTEM SUBJECT: Cuba (URTEL 1616 1661) Thant's

By SK NARS, Date 8/11/72

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We have considered U Thant's proposed appeal to Castro to invite five Latin American Ambassadors in Cuba (representing Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay) to serve as an inspection team with mandate to verify QTE Evacuation of sites and packing and shipment of offensive weapons UNQTE. Our understanding is that Thant feels it is important that this proposal appear to emanate entirely from ~~Castro~~ Castro.

We are prepared to have Thant make such an appeal subject to the following provisos:

We understand that SYG would
 1. ~~Not mention the fact that this was the understanding that he~~ give ~~no~~ no indication to Castro that his proposal had been in any way mentioned or checked with US. ~~He should understand~~ ~~that the US has no intention of supporting any proposal~~

2. Appeal suggested by Thant does not include aerial observation and therefore falls short of UN presence proposal which was being discussed with U Thant before his ~~understand~~ ~~which Thant had been told that the UN would not support his proposal~~ trip to Havana. Thant should understand therefore

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that even if his proposal were put into effect US would have to continue its own aerial surveillance. ~~xxxxxx~~

3. We believe it is essential that inspection team have full freedom of movement in Cuba and that its mandate not be limited merely to verifying evacuation of sites and shipment of offensive weapons. Mandate must be broad enough to cover effective ^{in order to QTE prove a negative UNQTE.} investigation of what might be left behind. In view number of ~~xxxxxx~~ reports regarding possible hiding of offensive weapons, freedom of movement essential for effective inspection.

4. We believe it important that inspection team be agent of SYG and would report to him. This would be consistent with Khrushchev commitment re UN verification. We want SYG to be our channel on this matter. We would wish to be in position to ^{to SYG} give advice/as to where to inspect as well as procedures to be used.

~~Teams should have available adequate~~

5. ~~xxxxxx~~ logistic support, and

~~xxxxxx~~

and by

~~xxxxxx~~ augmented by additional technical staff to be named by SYG.

^{It should be}

6. ~~xxxxxx~~ clearly understood that inspection by

five IAs would be supplementary to ICRC inspection on incoming cargoes and U.S. QTE along-side UNQTE inspection of outgoing cargoes as has been agreed to by US and USSR.

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